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Preliminary Amendment

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Please cancel claims 6, 7, and 17.

Clean Version of Amended Claims:

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim 1:

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1. (Amended) A video imaging system, comprising:
 - a camera head for transmitting image data;
 - a camera control unit for receiving and processing said image data from said camera head;
 - a storage device accessible by said camera control unit;
 - a program stored on said storage device;
 - said program executing on said camera control unit for enabling said camera control unit to process said image data.

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